

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/736,317
Amendment filed November 24, 2004
Reply to OA dated July 29, 2004

REMARKS:

Claim 1-11 are currently being considered, of which claims 1, 2, 6, 8, and 11 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Applicant respectfully believes that no new matter has been introduced.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-11 set forth allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s)/objection(s) set forth in the Office Action mailed July 29, 2004.

The Examiner has objected to FIGS. 4 and 15 because of various noted informalities. FIGS. 4 and 15 have been amended to remove the noted informalities. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract because of various noted informalities relating to legal claim language. The Abstract has been amended to remove the noted informalities. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to the specification because of various noted informalities relating to "square root sign" (p. 18). The specification has been amended to remove the noted informalities. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

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The Examiner has objected to claims 1-10 because of various noted informalities in claims 1, 2, 6, and 8. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8 have been amended to remove the noted informalities. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 6-11 stand rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112, because of various noted informalities in claims 6 and 11. Claims 6 and 11 have been amended to remove the noted informalities. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 4 and 15)
Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure